

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following listing. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims for the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A landscape border segment, comprising:

a first end formed for insertion into the ground;

a transition region coupled to the first end;

a second end coupled to the transition region; and

a connection feature located proximate the second end, the connection feature formed to connect to another landscape border segment at varied locations between its transition region and first end,

wherein the transition region comprises a curved loop structure that exceeds 360 degrees in curvature between the terminating points of the transition region, the transition region terminating in ~~first and second~~ different axial directions, ~~the first and second axial directions being different such that the coupling of the first end and the transition region occurs in the first axial direction and the coupling of the second end and the transition region occurs in the second axial direction~~ the transition region terminating at first and second termination locations such that the first end is in a first axial direction immediately adjacent to the transition region and the second end is in a second axial direction immediately adjacent to the transition region.

2.(Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 1, wherein the connection feature is formed to connect to the other landscape border segment anywhere between its transition region and first end.

3. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 1, wherein the connection feature is further formed to connect to the other landscape border segment at varied angles.

4. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 3, wherein the connection feature is formed to connect to the other landscape border segment at any angle except for angles in which the landscape border segments would physically overlap.

5. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 1, wherein the landscape border segment is constructed from a tubular metal material.

6. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 5, the tubular metal material is shaped into a point at the first end for insertion into the ground.

7. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 5, wherein the connection feature comprises a hook formed by bending and flattening of the tubular metal material.

8. (Previously Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of Claim 1, further comprising a decorative feature coupled to the transition region.

10. (Currently Amended) A landscape border segment, comprising:

a rod-like member having two opposing ends, respectively a first end and a second end, the first end being for insertion of the rod-like member into a landscape feature, the first end orientated in a first axial direction and the second end orientated in a second axial direction, the first and second axial directions being different;

a transition region in which the rod-like member transitions from the first axial direction to the second axial direction, wherein the transition region comprises a curved loop, the curved loop terminating in different axial directions, the curved loop exceeding 360 degrees in curvature between the terminating points of the transition region such that ~~the terminating points of the curved loop are provided in the different axial directions.~~ the first end is in a first axial direction immediately adjacent to the transition region and the second end is in a second axial direction immediately adjacent to the transition region; and

a connector located at the second end of the rod-like member, the connector configured to engage another rod-like member of another similarly configured landscape border segment.

11. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein at least a portion of the rod-like member has circular cross-section.

12. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein the rod-like member has a non-circular cross-section.

13. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein the first axial direction is ninety degrees offset from the second axial direction.

14. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein the connector is a hook structure.

15. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein a connection region of the rod-like member is formed between the transition region and the first end, wherein the connection region may engage a connector of an adjacent similar configured landscape border segment at a plurality of different locations within the connection region to enable various relative heights between two adjacent connected landscape border segments.

16. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein the connector may engage a rod-like member of an adjacent similarly configured landscape border segment at a variety of angles.

17. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 16 wherein a connection region of the rod-like member is formed between the transition region and the first end, wherein the connection region may engage a connector of the adjacent similar configured landscape border segment at a plurality of different locations within the connection region to enable various relative heights between the two adjacent connected landscape border segments.

18. (Previously Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 wherein the transition region comprises at least one loop.

20. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 10 further comprising a decorative feature coupled to the rod-like member.

21. (Previously Presented) The landscape border segment of claim 20 wherein the decorative feature is coupled to the transition region of the rod-like member.